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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker of the House Madigan in the chair.

Prayer by Lee A. Crawford, Assistant Pastor with the Victory Temple Church in Springfield, Illinois.

Representative Franks led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:

116 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Monique Davis and McCarthy were excused from attendance.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

AGING –Joyce, Chairperson; Beiser, Vice-Chairperson; John Bradley, D’Amico, Franks, Gordon, Jefferson, Joe Lyons, McGuire, McKeon, Reitz: Bellock, Spokesperson; Coulson, Froehlich, Bill Mitchell, Jerry Mitchell, Osmond, Saviano, Wait and Watson.

AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION –Granberg, Chairperson; Phelps, Vice-Chairperson; Boland, Dugan, Flider, McGuire, Reitz, Verschoore: Moffitt, Spokesperson; Cultra, Myers, Pritchard, Reis, Sacia and Sommer.

APPROPRIATIONS-ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION –Smith, Chairperson; Will Davis, Vice-Chairperson; Acevedo, John Bradley, Chavez, Delgado, Flowers, Gordon, Howard, Jakobsson, Ryg, Younge: Bassi, Spokesperson; Coulson, Eddy, Kosel, Lindner, Jerry Mitchell, Pihos, Poe, Schock and Sullivan.

APPROPRIATIONS-GENERAL SERVICES –Monique Davis, Chairperson; Graham, Vice-Chairperson; Bailey, Soto: Biggins, Spokesperson; Brauer and Watson.

APPROPRIATIONS-HIGHER EDUCATION –Miller, Chairperson; Joyce, Vice-Chairperson; Beiser, Monique Davis, Will Davis, Jakobsson, Nekritz, Scully, Soto: Myers, Spokesperson; Brady, Brauer, Eddy, Poe, Pritchard and Rose.

APPROPRIATIONS-HUMAN SERVICES –Feigenholtz, Chairperson; Osterman, Vice-Chairperson; Graham, Kelly, Washington: Mulligan, Spokesperson; Coulson, Leitch, Munson and Schock.

APPROPRIATIONS-PUBLIC SAFETY –Jones, Chairperson; Washington, Vice-Chairperson; Boland, Collins, Colvin, D’Amico, Dunkin, Molaro, Patterson, Yarbrough: Schmitz, Spokesperson; McAuliffe, Millner, Moffitt, Osmond, Saviano, Stephens and Wait.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT –Soto, Chairperson; Dunkin, Vice-Chairperson; Bailey, Will Davis, Younge: Lindner, Spokesperson; Brady, Schmitz and Winters.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY –Howard, Chairperson; Hannig, Vice-Chairperson; Patterson, Yarbrough: Munson, Spokesperson; Beaubien and Pritchard.

CONSUMER PROTECTION –Colvin, Chairperson; Gordon, Vice-Chairperson; Chapa LaVia, Mendoza, Rita, Scully, Washington: Brady, Spokesperson; Bost, Millner, Parke, Tenhouse and Tryon.

ELECTIONS & CAMPAIGN REFORM –Jefferson, Chairperson; D’Amico, Vice-Chairperson; Beiser, Flider: Winters, Spokesperson; Myers and Wait.

ELECTRIC UTILITY OVERSIGHT –Scully, Chairperson; Verschoore, Vice-Chairperson; D’Amico, Franks, Granberg, Patterson, Phelps: Krause, Spokesperson; Froehlich, Millner, Bill Mitchell, Myers, Sullivan and Tenhouse.

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION –Giles, Chairperson; Monique Davis, Vice-Chairperson; Beiser, Chapa LaVia, Colvin, Dugan, Flider, Joyce, Miller, Osterman, Smith, Yarbrough:

Jerry Mitchell, Spokesperson; Bassi, Eddy, Moffitt, Mulligan, Munson, Pihos, Pritchard, Reis and Watson.

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY –Holbrook, Chairperson; Nekritz, Vice-Chairperson; Richard Bradley, Hamos, Joyce, Mautino, May, Phelps, Reitz, Rita, Smith, Verschoore: Tenhouse, Spokesperson; Cultra, Kosel, Leitch, Meyer, Parke, Rose, Schock, Tryon and Winters.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH –May, Chairperson; Younge, Vice-Chairperson; Feigenholtz, McCarthy, Ryg: Meyer, Spokesperson; Churchill and Tryon.

EXECUTIVE –Burke, Chairperson; Joe Lyons, Vice-Chairperson; Acevedo, Berrios, Richard Bradley, Jones, McKeon, Molaro: Kosel, Spokesperson; Biggins, Hassert, Eileen Lyons and Saviano.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS –Boland, Chairperson; Burke, Vice-Chairperson; Acevedo, Richard Bradley, Monique Davis, Dunkin, Fritchey, Giles, Holbrook, Jones, Joe Lyons, Mautino, McCarthy, Osterman, Reitz, Smith: Bill Mitchell, Spokesperson; Bellock, Brauer, Coulson, Cultra, Dunn, Hultgren, Jenisch, McAuliffe, Munson, Reis, Rose, Schock and Watson.

HEALTH CARE AVAILABILITY & ACCESS –Flowers, Chairperson; Bailey, Vice-Chairperson; Chavez, Dugan, Howard, May: Osmond, Spokesperson; Krause, Mathias, Mulligan and Sommer.

HIGHER EDUCATION –McCarthy, Chairperson; Jakobsson, Vice-Chairperson; Beiser, Brosnahan, Chavez, Giles, Howard, Miller: Bost, Spokesperson; Black, Brady, Eddy, Poe and Pritchard.

HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT –Yarbrough, Chairperson; McKeon, Vice-Chairperson; Graham, Hamos, Kelly, Nekritz, Patterson, Ryg, Younge: Leitch, Spokesperson; Bassi, Biggins, Froehlich, Pihos, Poe and Schmitz.

HUMAN SERVICES –Delgado, Chairperson; Rita, Vice-Chairperson; Chavez, Collins, Flowers, Howard, Jakobsson: Bellock, Spokesperson; Coulson, Cultra, Dunn and Jenisch.

INSURANCE –Mautino, Chairperson; Yarbrough, Vice-Chairperson; Berrios, Richard Bradley, Colvin, Dunkin, Feigenholtz, Lang, Rita: Parke, Spokesperson; Brady, Dunn, Jenisch, Bill Mitchell, Munson, Osmond and Rose.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE & COMMERCE –Mendoza, Chairperson; Franks, Vice-Chairperson; Acevedo, Berrios, John Bradley, Chapa LaVia, Will Davis, Dugan, Flowers, Kelly: Sommer, Spokesperson; Bellock, Hultgren, Krause, Eileen Lyons, Myers, Reis and Sacia.

JUDICIARY I-CIVIL LAW –Fritchey, Chairperson; John Bradley, Vice-Chairperson; Brosnahan, Gordon, Hamos, Hoffman, Lang, Nekritz: Hultgren, Spokesperson; Mathias, Osmond, Rose, Sacia and Wait.

JUDICIARY II-CRIMINAL LAW –Molaro, Chairperson; Delgado, Vice-Chairperson; Bailey, John Bradley, Collins, Gordon, Howard, Jones, Mautino: Lindner, Spokesperson; Cultra, Millner, Reis, Sacia Stephens and Wait.

LABOR –McKeon, Chairperson; Soto, Vice-Chairperson; Boland, Colvin, D’Amico, Will Davis, Graham, Hoffman, Howard, Jefferson, Washington: Winters, Spokesperson; Beaubien, Cultra, Dunn, Eddy, Hultgren, Parke, Schmitz and Tenhouse.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT –Osterman, Chairperson; Flider, Vice-Chairperson; Beiser, Kelly, Ryg, Younge: Mathias, Spokesperson; Moffitt, Sommer, Tryon and Watson.

MASS TRANSIT –Hamos, Chairperson; Kelly, Vice-Chairperson; Chavez, Dunkin, May, Miller, Molaro, Osterman, Ryg, Washington: Mathias, Spokesperson; Bassi, Churchill, Dunn, Jenisch, Pihos, Sullivan and Tryon.

PERSONNEL & PENSIONS –Richard Bradley, Chairperson; Colvin, Vice-Chairperson; Burke: Poe, Spokesperson; Brauer.

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Collins, Chairperson; Holbrook, Vice-Chairperson; Monique Davis, Giles, Jefferson, Jones: Watson, Spokesperson; Biggins, Hassert, Leitch and Saviano.

REGISTRATION & REGULATION –Saviano, Chairperson; Fritchey, Vice-Chairperson, Acevedo, Richard Bradley, Burke, Monique Davis, Delgado, Granberg, Holbrook, Joyce, Mautino, Mendoza, Miller, Phelps, Reitz: Coulson, Spokesperson; Bellock, Brauer, Froehlich, Kosel, McAuliffe, Millner, Mulligan, Munson, Reis and Sullivan.

REVENUE –Reitz, Chairperson; Currie, Vice-Chairperson; Hannig, Holbrook, McGuire, Smith, Younge: Biggins, Spokesperson; Beaubien, Jenisch, Krause and Sullivan.

STATE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION –Franks, Chairperson; Dugan, Vice-Chairperson; John Bradley, Chavez, Collins: Stephens, Spokesperson; Lindner, Bill Mitchell and Myers.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS –Brosnahan, Chairperson; McCarthy, Vice-Chairperson; Acevedo, Boland, Richard Bradley, Colvin, Dunkin, Fritchey, Giles, Hamos, Joe Lyons, May: Meyer, Spokesperson; Black, Bost, Dunn, Hultgren, Eileen Lyons, McAuliffe, Parke, Pihos, Schmitz and Winters.

TOURISM & CONVENTION –Dunkin, Chairperson; Feigenholtz, Vice-Chairperson; Bailey, McGuire: Bassi, Spokesperson; Jerry Mitchell and Pihos.

TRANSPORTATION & MOTOR VEHICLES –Hoffman, Chairperson; Miller, Vice-Chairperson; Beiser, Brosnahan, D’Amico, Fritchey, Graham, Joyce, Joe Lyons, McCarthy, Mendoza, Molaro, Nekritz, Soto, Washington: Wait, Spokesperson; Black, Bost, Brauer, Froehlich, Mathias, McAuliffe, Millner, Poe, Stephens, Tenhouse and Tryon.

VETERANS’ AFFAIRS –McAuliffe, Chairperson; Chapa LaVia, Vice-Chairperson; Bailey, Dugan, Flider, Phelps, Verschoore: Sommer, Spokesperson; Bost, Meyer, Moffitt, Sacia and Schock.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

RULES –Currie, Chairperson; Hannig, Turner: Black, Spokesperson; Hassert.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES & MENTAL ILLNESS –Daniels, Chairperson; Ryg, Vice-Chairperson; Chapa LaVia, McKeon: Churchill, Spokesperson; Bellock and Hultgren.

FEE-FOR-SERVICE INITIATIVES –Currie, Chairperson; Delgado, Co-Vice-Chairperson; Feigenholtz, Co-Vice-Chairperson; Brosnahan, Flowers, Hamos, Ryg: Daniels, Co-Vice-Chairperson; Mulligan, Spokesperson; Biggins, Coulson, Krause, Leitch, Eileen Lyons, McAuliffe and Meyer.

GAMING –Lang, Chairperson; Berrios, Vice-Chairperson; Molaro, Rita, Scully, Verschoore: Hassert, Spokesperson; Beaubien, Kosel, Stephens and Sullivan.

COMMITTEE ON RULES REASSIGNMENTS

Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, reassigned the following legislation:
HOUSE BILL 160 was recalled from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education and reassigned to the Committee on Executive.

HOUSE BILL 221 was recalled from the Committee on Public Utilities and reassigned to the Committee on Executive.

MOTIONS SUBMITTED

Representative Black submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 60(b), I move to table HOUSE BILL 49.

REQUEST FOR FISCAL NOTE

Representative William Davis requested that a Fiscal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 470.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered printed and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 0680. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning procurement.

HOUSE BILL 0681. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning law enforcement training.

HOUSE BILL 0682. Introduced by Representative Hassert, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 0683. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Bill, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 0684. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Bill, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 0685. Introduced by Representative Fritchey, AN ACT concerning human rights.

HOUSE BILL 0686. Introduced by Representative Bellock, AN ACT concerning liquor.

HOUSE BILL 0687. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 0688. Introduced by Representative Mathias, AN ACT concerning safety.

HOUSE BILL 0689. Introduced by Representative Lindner, AN ACT concerning procurement.

HOUSE BILL 0690. Introduced by Representative Eddy, AN ACT in relation to economic development.

HOUSE BILL 0691. Introduced by Representative Hannig, AN ACT concerning hospitals.

HOUSE BILL 0692. Introduced by Representative Mathias, AN ACT concerning motor fuel theft.

HOUSE BILL 0693. Introduced by Representative Pritchard, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 0694. Introduced by Representative Bassi, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 0695. Introduced by Representative May, AN ACT regarding schools.

HOUSE BILL 0696. Introduced by Representative Lyons, Joseph, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 0697. Introduced by Representative Lyons, Joseph, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 0698. Introduced by Representative Lyons, Joseph, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 0699. Introduced by Representative Lyons, Joseph, AN ACT concerning civil procedure.

HOUSE BILL 0700. Introduced by Representatives Lyons, Joseph - Delgado - Joyce - Coulson - D'Amico, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 0701. Introduced by Representative Lyons, Eileen, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 0702. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning hazardous materials.

HOUSE BILL 0703. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning corrections.

HOUSE BILL 0704. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning liability.

HOUSE BILL 0705. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Reitz - Beiser - Holbrook - Coulson, Bassi, Beaubien, Bellock, Biggins, Black, Bost, Brauer, Churchill, Cultra, Daniels, Dunn, Eddy, Froehlich, Granberg, Hassert, Hultgren, Jenisch, Kosel, Krause, Leitch, Lyons, Eileen, Mathias, McAuliffe, Meyer, Millner, Mitchell, Bill, Mitchell, Jerry, Moffitt, Mulligan, Munson, Myers, Osmond, Parke, Phelps, Pihos,

Poe, Pritchard, Reis, Rose, Sacia, Saviano, Schmitz, Schock, Sommer, Stephens, Sullivan, Tenhouse, Tryon, Wait, Watson and Winters, AN ACT concerning medical liability.

HOUSE BILL 0706. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 0707. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning animals.

HOUSE BILL 0708. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 0709. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 0710. Introduced by Representative Boland, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 0711. Introduced by Representative Washington, AN ACT concerning business.

HOUSE BILL 0712. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL 0713. Introduced by Representative Boland, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 0714. Introduced by Representatives Munson - Nekritz - Kelly - Coulson - Mulligan, AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL 0715. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 0716. Introduced by Representative Beiser, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 0717. Introduced by Representative Osterman, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 0718. Introduced by Representative Osterman, AN ACT concerning energy conservation.

HOUSE BILL 0719. Introduced by Representative Soto, AN ACT concerning immigrants.

HOUSE BILL 0720. Introduced by Representatives Leitch - Sommer - Schock, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 0721. Introduced by Representative Leitch, AN ACT concerning land.

HOUSE BILL 0722. Introduced by Representative Colvin, AN ACT in relation to incarceration.

HOUSE BILL 0723. Introduced by Representative Granberg, AN ACT concerning conservation.

HOUSE BILL 0724. Introduced by Representative Granberg, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 0725. Introduced by Representative Reitz, AN ACT concerning aging.

HOUSE BILL 0726. Introduced by Representative Miller, AN ACT concerning children.

HOUSE BILL 0727. Introduced by Representative Wait, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 0728. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Jerry, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 0729. Introduced by Representative Reitz, AN ACT concerning safety.

HOUSE BILL 0730. Introduced by Representative Bradley, John, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 0731. Introduced by Representative Eddy, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 0732. Introduced by Representative Jakobsson, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 0733. Introduced by Representative Delgado, AN ACT concerning schools.

HOUSE BILL 0734. Introduced by Representative Delgado, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 0735. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning economic development.

HOUSE BILL 0736. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning economic development.

HOUSE BILL 0737. Introduced by Representative Delgado, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 0738. Introduced by Representative Rose, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 0739. Introduced by Representative Eddy, AN ACT concerning school construction.

HOUSE BILL 0740. Introduced by Representative Ryg, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 0741. Introduced by Representative Eddy, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 0742. Introduced by Representative Boland, AN ACT concerning business.

HOUSE BILL 0743. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 0744. Introduced by Representative Wait, AN ACT concerning school students.

HOUSE BILL 0745. Introduced by Representative Wait, AN ACT concerning taxes.

HOUSE BILL 0746. Introduced by Representative Flider, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 0747. Introduced by Representative Wait, AN ACT concerning minors.

HOUSE BILL 0748. Introduced by Representative Jakobsson, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 0749. Introduced by Representative Joyce, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 49

Offered by Representative Granberg:

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Department of Central Management Services is directed to conduct a study to determine if the State could reduce travel costs of State employees if airfare and hotel accommodations were purchased over the Internet from online travel companies such as Priceline and Hotwire; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department shall conduct the study and report its findings to the House of Representatives as soon as practicable; and be it further; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Director of Central Management Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 51

Offered by Representative Feigenholtz:

WHEREAS, Hazel J. Lewis has served the State of Illinois and the nation continuously as Executive Director of the American Medical Association Alliance, Inc. since July 1, 1973; and

WHEREAS, In 52 years of service, she has been a distinguished leader, motivator, and innovator of programs benefiting all of America; and

WHEREAS, Hazel has led highly successful volunteer group efforts attacking the sources of violence among women and children that saved lives and improved conditions for hundreds of thousands of Americans; and

WHEREAS, She will continue serving the citizens of Illinois in local and statewide philanthropic and professional organizations helping children, the elderly, and those with chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, The American Medical Association Alliance honors Helen J. Lewis for her 52 years of service upon the occasion of her retirement on April 8, 2005; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commemorate the work of Hazel J. Lewis by designating April 8, 2005 to be Hazel J. Lewis Day in Illinois and we encourage all in our State to be aware of her important health advocacy work; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Hazel J. Lewis as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 52

Offered by Representative Saviano:

WHEREAS, Riverboats licensed under the Riverboat Gambling Act generate millions of dollars in revenue each year for the communities in which they dock; and

WHEREAS, The city of Elgin has received a vast windfall from the riverboats that dock within its borders; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois House of Representatives urges that, if a license authorizing riverboat gambling operations in Cook County is issued, any municipality in which riverboats dock pursuant to such a license enter into agreements with all other municipalities in Cook County, other than Elgin, to share the revenues generated by riverboat gambling conducted pursuant to such a license; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the top ranking municipal official in each municipality in Cook County.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

Offered by Representative Pritchard:

WHEREAS, The National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol is comprised of statues donated by individual states in commemoration of notable citizens in their history; each state is allowed to provide two statues for display; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has two statues on display: Frances E. Willard, given in 1905 and located in the National Statuary Hall, and James Shields, given in 1893 and located in the Hall of Columns; since 1976, the Hall of Columns has housed part of the National Statuary Hall Collection; and

WHEREAS, There is a procedure in place whereby a state may request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of a statue that the state has provided if the request is approved by the state's legislature and its Governor; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born on February 6, 1911 in Tampico, Illinois; his family moved several more times, settling in Dixon; he attended Dixon High School where he played football and basketball, ran track, served as president of the student body, and first performed as an actor; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Eureka College in 1932 with a degree in economics and sociology; from humble beginnings, he went on to become a sportscaster, actor and Governor of California; in 1980, he was elected President of the United States, the first native son of Illinois to serve as President; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th President; in the 1984 election, he earned the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in the general election, a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, On October 11, 2001, President Reagan became the longest-lived president ever, passing the nation's second President, John Adams, who had lived 91 years; on June 5, 2004, the world was told its faithful servant had passed away; and

WHEREAS, During his presidency, he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to government which led to an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, His commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's Armed Forces to win the Gulf War; his vision of "peace through strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that in commemoration of the 40th President of the United States and native son of Illinois, we request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of the James Shields statue with a statue of President Ronald Wilson Reagan in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the cost of the Ronald Reagan statue come from private donations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That to represent Illinois in selecting the sculptor and obtaining the private donations for the statue, a committee of nine shall be created as follows: the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, and Minority Leader of the Senate shall each appoint two members and the Secretary of State shall appoint one member who shall serve as Chairman of the Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of the resolution be sent to the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, the Governor, the Illinois Secretary of State, and to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

Offered by Representative Meyer:

WHEREAS, The Department of Children and Family Services is charged with acting in the best interest of every child it serves, helping families by increasing their ability to provide a safe environment for their children, and strengthening families who are at risk of abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, A significant function of government is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has taken notice of many issues surrounding the operations, funding, and execution of the foster care system that must be addressed to ensure continued action as well as establish a higher standard for serving the needs of both foster children and parents; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Joint Task Force on Foster Care in the Department of Children and Family Services is created and shall be comprised of 8 members of the Illinois General Assembly appointed as follows: 2 members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 members of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; all Joint Task Force members shall serve without compensation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the chairperson of the Joint Task Force shall be selected by the members from among its membership and the Joint Task Force shall meet at the call of the chairperson; and be it further

RESOLVED, That it is the duty of the Joint Task Force to undertake a comprehensive and thorough review of the operations of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Foster Care Division and related laws and rules impacting the Illinois foster care system, with the intent of making recommendations that would improve the system of Department and private agency accountability, improve Department functioning within the constraints of limited budgets, guarantee necessary medical and psychiatric care to wards within the Department, and increase foster parent support; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Children and Family Services shall provide assistance to the Joint Task Force and the Joint Task Force shall request assistance from any other entity as necessary or useful for the performance of its duties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Joint Task Force shall present a report to the General Assembly no later than December 15, 2005; a copy of the report shall be provided to the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services and the Governor within 2 weeks of the presentation of the report to the General Assembly.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

Offered by Representative Franks:

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Garlin Murl Conner was a native of Clinton County, Kentucky, who served with distinction and valor in the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky Congressman Ed Whitfield introduced H.R. 327 in the 108th Congress to authorize the President to award a Medal of Honor posthumously to Lieutenant Garlin Murl Conner; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Garlin Murl Conner is Kentucky's most decorated war hero, who served on the front lines for over eight hundred days in eight major campaigns; he was wounded seven times but returned to combat and continued to fight on the front lines after each wound; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, over forty 3rd Division soldiers received Medals of Honor, more than any other Division; however, Lieutenant Garlin Murl Conner was not awarded the Medal of Honor due to an oversight and failure to process the paperwork; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Conner served in the 3rd Infantry Division with Audie L. Murphy, America's most decorated hero of all wars; as compared to Audie L. Murphy, Lieutenant Conner was awarded more Silver Stars for acts of valor, fought in more campaigns, served on the front lines longer, and was wounded more times; he was awarded many honors, including the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with six Oak Leaf Clusters, and other medals; and

WHEREAS, On June 20, 1945, Lieutenant Conner was awarded the Croix de Guerre, the French Medal of Honor, that was also awarded to Sergeant Alvin C. York, America's most decorated World War I soldier, who was a friend of Lieutenant Conner and lived a few miles from Lieutenant Conner's home on the Kentucky-Tennessee border; and

WHEREAS, Major General Lloyd B. Ramsey (Ret.), who was Lieutenant Conner's battalion commander during combat in World War II, is still living and has signed the necessary documents for awarding the Medal of Honor to Lieutenant Conner; in 1945, Major General Ramsey wrote that Lieutenant Conner was

"one of the outstanding soldiers of this war, if not the outstanding....I've never seen a man with as much courage and ability as he has"; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Ambrose, America's foremost World War II historian, founder of the D-Day Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, and author of many books, wrote on November 11, 2000, "I am in complete support of the effort to make Lieutenant Garlin M. Conner a Medal of Honor recipient. What Lieutenant Conner did in stopping the German assault near Houssen, France in January 1945 was far above the call of duty. I've met and talked at length with many Medal of Honor recipients and am sure they would all agree that Lieutenant Conner more than deserves the honor of joining them"; and

WHEREAS, On April 3, 2001, 3rd Infantry Division leaders named the new EAGLE BASE in Bosnia-Herzegovina after Lieutenant Conner because of his gallantry in World War II and because "It's a company-grade forward operating base named after a soldier with a company-grade rank"; and

WHEREAS, Richard Chilton, a former Green Beret from Genoa City, Wisconsin, has been on a mission since 1996 to have the Medal of Honor awarded to Lieutenant Conner; his research has documented that Lieutenant Conner is one of the great combat heroes of World War II, equal in every way to Audie L. Murphy; Chilton has made presentations to dozens of schools about Lieutenant Conner's war record and has copies of over 2,500 letters written by students to President George W. Bush requesting the Medal of Honor be awarded; after reviewing Chilton's information, a host of former war veterans have written Congress requesting passage of H.R. 327 to award the Medal of Honor to one of America's greatest citizen soldiers, Lieutenant Garlin Murl Conner; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the United States Congress to enact legislation authorizing the President to award a Medal of Honor posthumously to First Lieutenant Garlin Murl Conner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to: the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee; the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States; the Clerk of the Senate of the United States; each member of the Illinois Congressional Delegation; and the widow of First Lieutenant Garlin Murl Conner, Mrs. Pauline W. Conner, Route 1, Box 208, Albany, Kentucky 42602.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS FIRST READING

Representative Bassi introduced the following:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 9

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Sections 2 and 5 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMPOSITION

(a) One Senator shall be elected from each Legislative District. Senators elected in 2008 shall serve four-year terms. Senators elected in 2010 shall serve two-year terms. Immediately following each decennial redistricting, the General Assembly by law shall divide the Legislative Districts as equally as possible into two three groups. During each ten-year period, beginning with the general election in 2012, Senators from one group shall first be elected for terms of six years and then for terms of four years four years, four years and two years; Senators from the second group, for terms of four years, two years and four years; and Senators from the other third group shall first be elected ; for terms of two years, four years and then for terms of six four years. The Legislative Districts in each group shall be distributed substantially equally over the State.

(b) Each Legislative District shall be divided into two Representative Districts. ~~In 1982 and every two years thereafter~~ One Representative shall be elected from each Representative District ~~for a term of two~~

~~years. Representatives elected in 2008 shall serve terms of four years. During each ten-year period, beginning with the general election in 2012, Representatives shall first be elected for terms of four years, then for terms of two years, and then for terms of four years.~~

(c) To be eligible to serve as a member of the General Assembly, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 21 years old, and for the two years preceding his election or appointment a resident of the district which he is to represent. In the general election following a redistricting, a candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any district which contains a part of the district in which he resided at the time of the redistricting and reelected if a resident of the new district he represents for 18 months prior to reelection.

(d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy is in a Senatorial or Representative office with more than twenty-eight months remaining in the term, the appointed Senator or Representative shall serve until the next general election, at which time a Senator or Representative shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy is in any other Senatorial or a Representative office ~~or in any other Senatorial office~~, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term. An appointee to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the person he succeeds.

(e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive compensation as a public officer or employee from any other governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance as a member of the General Assembly.

No member of the General Assembly during the term for which he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a public office which shall have been created or the compensation for which shall have been increased by the General Assembly during that term.

(Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4, 1980.)

SECTION 5. SESSIONS

(a) The General Assembly shall convene each year on the second Wednesday of January. The General Assembly shall be a continuous body for a period beginning and ending at noon on the second Wednesday of January of consecutive odd-numbered years. ~~during the term for which members of the House of Representatives are elected.~~

(b) The Governor may convene the General Assembly or the Senate alone in special session by a proclamation stating the purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation of the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided by law.

(c) Sessions of each house of the General Assembly and meetings of committees, joint committees and legislative commissions shall be open to the public. Sessions and committee meetings of a house may be closed to the public if two-thirds of the members elected to that house determine that the public interest so requires; and meetings of joint committees and legislative commissions may be so closed if two-thirds of the members elected to each house so determine.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to the election of members of the General Assembly in 2008 and thereafter. It does not affect the terms of members elected in 2004 or 2006.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 9 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered printed and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative Black introduced the following:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 10

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 1 of Article X of the

Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE X
EDUCATION

SECTION 1. FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT ~~GOAL~~ - FREE SCHOOLS

A fundamental ~~right goal~~ of the People of the State is the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capacities.

It is the paramount duty of the State to ~~shall~~ provide for a ~~an~~ thorough and efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and services and to guarantee equality of educational opportunity as a fundamental right of each citizen. Education in public schools through the secondary level shall be free. The State has the preponderant financial responsibility for financing the system of public education. There may be such other free education as the General Assembly provides by law.

~~The State has the primary responsibility for financing the system of public education.~~
(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 10 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered printed and placed in the Committee on Rules.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 50

Offered by Representative Reis:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Elvesta Topp, an esteemed resident of Shumway, on the occasion of the celebration of her 100th birthday on January 23, 2005; and

WHEREAS, She was born on January 23, 1905, the daughter of John and Mary Wetherall Knierim; she was the seventh child born and is today the only living child; she still owns the farmhouse built by her parents and her brother in the late 1800s; and

WHEREAS, Elvesta Topp has a wonderful family history; her grandfather was born in Germany and came to Illinois in 1853; he served in the Civil War, as did her Grandfather Wetherall; and

WHEREAS, Elvesta Topp received her education in a one-room schoolhouse, where one teacher taught eight grade levels; there was a daily walk to school for the children, except when the weather was bad and the smallest children were given a ride in the buggy by an older brother; and

WHEREAS, There were no toys, only rag dolls made by Elvesta and her sister; mud roads made life hard, with even the horses having a rough time going through; laundry was done in tubs and with a wash board; kerosene lamps provided the only source of evening light until the 1940s; and

WHEREAS, Clothing was made from chicken feed sacks; the chores included milking the cows, feeding the chickens and ducks, helping in the field, and collecting eggs; during harvest time, she would help with the raking, hauling, and stacking of hay; she remembers that the neighbors would unite to help one another; and

WHEREAS, She remembers when the family doctor made house calls, neighbors were neighborly, and life was easier; and

WHEREAS, Elvesta worked as a cook at the Central Grade School for many years, as well as at the Steak House in Effingham; and

WHEREAS, Elvesta is most proud of her large collection of several hundred elephants that represent her passion and lifelong loyalty to the Grand Old Party; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Elvesta Topp on the occasion of her 100th birthday; that we commend her for achieving a long and fulfilling life, and we wish her continued happiness and good health in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Elvesta Topp as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 53

Offered by Representative Joseph Lyons:

WHEREAS, Pat Indovina, a long-time Glenview resident and 22-year Grove School veteran, received the 2004 Elementary Art Educator of the Year award from the Illinois Art Education Association; and

WHEREAS, She discovered her passion for art when her parents signed her up for after-school art classes as a youngster; the Michigan native continued with art classes through high school, and later focused on print-making and watercolors in the School of Architecture and Design at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; before coming to Grove School, she taught art for 10 years at Northbrook's Indian Ridge School; and

WHEREAS, During three decades as a teacher, Pat has welcomed into her art room exciting new materials, but her fundamental teaching strategies have not changed, it has always been her goal to help students realize their creative abilities; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, she has learned how to incorporate computer technology into her classes, while preserving the "hands-on" nature of the lessons, as well as teaching traditional photography; a student digital photo project of fall foliage earned Pat and a colleague recognition from the State of Illinois Technology "Tech 2004" Conference; she has also worked with her colleagues to craft lessons that link art with other subjects; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Hillyer, President of the Illinois Art Education Association, said she was impressed by how Pat has embraced technology in her curriculum and "the work she does to make sure all children are included, regardless of their abilities; she sparks the kids' interest; she gets the kids to do things, it is the children's work, but she inspires them"; and

WHEREAS, Outside of the classroom, Pat is president of the District 27 Faculty Association and has served on her district's professional development and insurance committees; and

WHEREAS, Pat has been married to Tony Indovina for 32 years, and they are the proud parents of three daughters, Lauren, Sarah, and Elizabeth; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Pat Indovina on her receipt of the 2004 Elementary Art Educator of the Year award from the Illinois Art Education Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Pat Indovina as an expression of our respect and esteem and our thanks for her continuing innovative, inspirational, and interdisciplinary teaching of art to her students.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 54

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, On October 20, 1960, Peter Gosselin Fitzgerald was born in Inverness, a suburb northwest of Chicago, where he grew up and has lived all his life; he went to St. Theresa's elementary school in Palatine and Portsmouth Abbey, a secondary school in Portsmouth, Rhode Island; he then attended Dartmouth College, where he majored in Latin and Greek; he graduated from Dartmouth Cum Laude and with "highest distinction"; in 1982 and 1983, he studied at the Aristotelian University in Salonica, Greece as a Rotary Foundation International Graduate Scholar; he earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan School of Law; he practiced corporate law for ten years in Chicago, first in private firms and later as general counsel for a publicly traded bank holding company; and

WHEREAS, From 1993 until his election to the U.S. Senate in 1998, Peter Fitzgerald was an Illinois State Senator, representing the northwest suburbs of Chicago, and serving as the chair of the State Government Operations Committee; during his time as an Illinois State Senator, his many initiatives included the community notification law for child sex offenders, PA 89-462 (HB 3670: Klingler/Fitzgerald); a law requiring teachers to teach habits of discipline and respect for others, PA 90-620 (HB 3793: Madigan/Fitzgerald); and a bill banning insurers from using domestic battery as a reason to

increase charges upon any customer for property or casualty insurance, PA 90-700 (HB 2860: Parke/Fitzgerald); and

WHEREAS, On November 3, 1998, Peter G. Fitzgerald was elected to the United States Senate at age 38; he was the first Republican in Illinois to win a Senate race in 20 years and for several years he was the youngest member of the U.S. Senate; while in the U.S. Senate, he served on the Commerce, Governmental Affairs, Agriculture, Small Business, and Aging committees; he chairs the Governmental Affairs subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security; the Commerce subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Product Safety; and the Agriculture subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation; and

WHEREAS, Having experience as a former commercial banking director and general counsel, Senator Fitzgerald has chaired or played a leading role in investigations of Enron and corporate accounting fraud, mutual fund industry abuses, chronic under-funding of employee pensions, the deteriorating condition of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, conflicts of interest in the insurance brokerage industry, high fees in 529 college savings programs, and waste, fraud, and mismanagement in various federal agencies; he has enacted several measures to improve the financial accountability of government agencies and departments by expanding audit requirements and extending the reach of the Chief Financial Officers Act; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Senator Fitzgerald proposed comprehensive, bi-partisan mutual fund reform legislation to protect the household, college, and retirement savings of the 91,000,000 Americans who invest in mutual funds; endorsed by consumer groups and termed the "gold standard" of industry reform, Senator Fitzgerald's legislation helped prompt the Securities Exchange Commission to undertake a vigorous review of mutual fund oversight and regulation; by mid-November 2004, the SEC had promulgated final rules addressing 16 of the provisions laid out in his legislation, including provisions on director independence, fund governance, fee and compensation disclosure, and a prohibition of directed brokerage; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the U.S. Senate, Senator Peter Fitzgerald has built a reputation as an independent voice for Illinois; he has consistently backed efforts to control spending and reduce taxes, but at the same time voted for environmental and consumer protections; in early 2003, he passed legislation temporarily extending federal unemployment insurance benefits; furthermore, he has vigorously promoted competitive bidding in government contracts and has opposed taxpayer giveaways to politically connected interests; in 2000, he sought to impose federal competitive bidding guidelines on a large government-funded project in his own State; for two days, in a Senate speech the Champaign News Gazette called "a wake up call for Illinois taxpayers," he brought national attention to numerous instances of cronyism and corruption in Illinois State government; throughout his service in the U.S. Senate, he has steadfastly fought political corruption in both political parties; in 2001, with support from President Bush, the Senator succeeded in installing professional U.S. Attorneys, in each of Illinois' three judicial districts, who were completely independent of the State's politics; and

WHEREAS, From his perch on the Commerce Committee, Senator Fitzgerald has been active on aviation issues, with efforts to address the nation's air capacity shortage and promote greater competition in the airline industry; Senator Fitzgerald has helped lead the effort to build a south suburban Chicago airport, as first recommended by the Federal Aviation Administration in 1984; in addition, he stopped legislation which would have impeded the south suburban airport and which would have instead dictated the approval of a cost-inefficient plan to tear up and re-build O'Hare; furthermore, in 2001, he co-authored an amendment which made it difficult and unattractive for air carriers to seek the federal loan guarantees offered in the airline bailout bill; as a result of his language, few airlines applied for the loan guarantees and taxpayers saved billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, As the first Illinois senator since 1986 to serve on the Agriculture Committee, Senator Fitzgerald has worked closely with the futures industry in Chicago to modernize the commodity trading laws and to allow the sale of futures on individual stocks; he has also worked with Illinois farm groups to open markets for Illinois commodities in the U.S. and overseas, promote renewable fuels, and to provide tax relief for family farmers; he has enacted legislation to better enable low income citizens to access their food stamp benefits, as well as legislation to require the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make its program benefits available over the Internet; the Senator has also called for reform of the federal farm payment system to ensure that federal aid goes to family farmers who most need assistance, and has helped pass legislation to study potential improvements to farm aid programs; and

WHEREAS, During his term in the U.S. Senate, Senator Fitzgerald has also focused on consumer safety issues; in 2000, he led a successful drive to modernize outdated federal testing and safety standards for

child car seats; in 2002, he drafted, and President Bush signed into law, a follow-up measure, known as Anton's Law, to upgrade federal testing and standards for child booster seats and to require automakers to improve car safety features; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that Senator Fitzgerald be honored for his distinguished record of public service for the State of Illinois and all of its citizens; as a true example of a public servant, Senator Fitzgerald is recognized for fervently fighting for what is right for the taxpayers and citizens of both the great State of Illinois as well as each and every individual within this nation; furthermore, Senator Fitzgerald's honesty and integrity as a public servant were evident from his first day in the U.S. Senate, and have become the standard to which every public servant of Illinois should strive to achieve, and even though Senator Fitzgerald has removed his name from the U.S. Senate, the U.S. Senate will never be able to replace his knowledge, skill, tenacity, integrity, and the love he had for all persons in this nation, and especially for the citizens of Illinois he loyally and honorably represented; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to U.S. Senator Peter G. Fitzgerald and his family.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 55

Offered by Representative Rose:

WHEREAS, The City of Arcola will celebrate its Sesquicentennial Homecoming on July 9-10, 2005; Arcola was incorporated in 1873; and

WHEREAS, One hundred and fifty years of Amazing Arcola - the city that moved from the river to the railroad, had to take a new name, and became famous for broomcorn, football, and Raggedy Ann; and

WHEREAS, The City of Arcola, population 2,652, is located in Douglas County; on October 22, 1855, a surveyor from Coles County laid out a small piece of ground a half-mile wide, with the Illinois Central Railroad cutting right through the middle, and the new little settlement was called Okaw; and

WHEREAS, When the town of Okaw applied for a postal permit, they were told there was already a town named Okaw with a post office, so Okaw was renamed Arcola; and

WHEREAS, Arcola's Colonel Cofer brought a few bushels of broomcorn seed and planted twenty acres; the seed produced a fine product and many area farmers began growing fields of broomcorn, making this area "Broomcorn Capital of the World"; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Gruelle, the creator of Raggedy Ann and Andy, was born in Arcola and Arcola has a Johnny Gruelle Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum; and

WHEREAS, Arcola is also the entry point to Illinois' largest Amish settlement and the Illinois Amish Interpretive Center and Amish country tours; and

WHEREAS, Arcola has a quaint downtown area with lots of unique shops and historically-restored buildings; some of the churches and the library are the original buildings; Arcola is home to the Arcola Purple Riders and the Famous Arcola Lawn Rangers; and

WHEREAS, Several activities during the Sesquicentennial Homecoming are being planned, along with the reopening of the centennial vault; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the City of Arcola on the occasion of its Sesquicentennial Homecoming celebration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the City of Arcola as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 56

Offered by Representative Currie:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Ms. Annie Ruth Rogers on January 20, 2005; and

WHEREAS, She was born on March 18, 1920, to Willie Mae and Wayman Caldwell in Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Ruth received her college diploma from Fort Valley College in Georgia and became a math teacher in Fort Gaines, Georgia; after moving to Chicago, she obtained a master's degree from Governors State University in Park Forest; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Ruth joined the staff of the Community Mental Health Center, a joint venture between the University of Chicago's Department of Psychiatry and The Woodlawn Organization; she worked with the University of Chicago and later Johns Hopkins University on research projects aimed at improving the African American education and mental health experience; and

WHEREAS, Ruth's chosen profession was community service, and she worked for The Woodlawn Organization (TWO) from 1973 to 1996; during her tenure with TWO, she worked in various capacities; she served as a community organizer working with block clubs and community members and leaders protesting for better housing, mental health services, voter's rights, and countless social and economic issues affecting community residents; as Director of TWO's The Woodlawn House, a halfway house for the mentally ill, she helped many mentally ill clients while advocating for increased services for the mentally ill in Chicago; she retired as Vice Chairman of The Board of Directors of TWO in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogers led an active spiritual life, and she was a founding member of the Board of Trustees for Metropolitan Apostolic Community Church; and

WHEREAS, She was a trailblazing crusader, advocate, and tireless warrior dedicated to uplifting the human spirit; she was a leader, an educator, and teacher; she had the unique ability to tap into the resources of those whom she believed could make a difference in the lives of others; she was actively involved in church, community, and civic organizations that lifted her spirits and gave her opportunities to continue to help others; she walked among many high ranking dignitaries and leaders in all aspects of life, but she never lost her common touch; her compassion will remain a part of her legacy and her love and spirit will always live in the hearts and minds of those she left behind; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Annie Ruth Rogers has been deeply felt by many, especially her sisters, Mildred Mitchell, Juanita Hargrave (Robert), and Nettie Frances Smith (Lewis); her brothers, John W. Hardy (Eliza) and Bennie Hardy (Joan); and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends; she was preceded in death by her sisters, Creola Reed and Marie Taylor; and her brothers, Willie J. Hardy, Judge Hardy, Jimmie Hardy, Jonah Havard Hardy, Alfred Hardy, and Clarence Hardy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Annie Ruth Rogers, and we extend our deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to her family as an expression of our sincere condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 57

Offered by Representative Myers:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois congratulate the Carthage High School Blueboys football team for bringing home the 2nd place trophy from the Class 2A State Football Championship game on November 26, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The Blueboys were the recipients of the 2nd place trophy for the third straight year and finished the 2004 football season with a very impressive 13-1 record; and

WHEREAS, Three Carthage football players were given all-state recognition: David Watts, Andrew Swearingen and Savas Melidis; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play, and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, The team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by Carthage High School, the citizens of Carthage, and their friends and families; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Carthage High School football team on their outstanding season and their 2nd place trophy from the 2004 Class 2A State Football Championship game; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Carthage High School as an expression of our esteem and with best wishes in their future competitions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 58

Offered by Representative Myers:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois congratulate the United Red Storm football team on winning their first-ever state championship as they beat the Stockton Blackhawks 21-14 to win the Class 1A State Football Championship title on November 26, 2004; and

WHEREAS, United is a new consolidation of Warren and Alexis high schools; United completed their season with a 12-2 record and a new trophy to sport in their trophy case; and

WHEREAS, Leading the United Red Storm football team are head coach Tim Engebretson and assistant coaches Job Linboom, Ben McIntosh, Rick Johnson, and Steve Cairns; the principal of United is Lance Thurman and Dan Renwick is the athletic director; and

WHEREAS, The 2004 United Red Storm football members are Jack Duburg, Corey Rundle, Tyler Nelson, Aaron Gavin, Zach Youngquist, Jared VanFleet, Adam Hennenfent, Sean Bertelsen, Alex Fox, Brad Herron, Nicholas Hanson, Kyle Waggy, Stephen Eyler, Shawn Roller, Justin McQuire, Justin Haase, Michael Long, Greg McGraw, Drew Johnson, Drew Clevenger, Alex Corben, Terry Miller, Chuck Reynolds, Bryan Hahn, Corey Purlee, Eric Hanson, Brian Johnson, Ryan Condreay, Ryan Armstrong, Marshall Boney, Austin Cameron, Nathan Johnson, Billy Johnson, Kasey Lafferty, Tyler Schleich, Andrew Teague, William McCrery, Jay Grant, Levi Cox, Andy Yung, Jason Bishop, Josh Atwell, Andrew Scherfey, and Justin Fox; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; the team's win is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, and the entire community at large; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the talent of these young athletes and their coaches and we congratulate them on their 2004 Class 1A State Championship title; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to United High School as an expression of our esteem and with best wishes for continued success in the future.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 59

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Chicago was founded February 23, 1905 by Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney, who invited three friends to a meeting: Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer, Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor, and Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer; and

WHEREAS, They discussed Harris' idea that business leaders should meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and to enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances; the club met weekly and membership was limited to one representative from each business and profession; though the term Rotary was not used that night, that gathering is commonly regarded as the first Rotary Club meeting; and

WHEREAS, The early Rotarians realized that fellowship and mutual self-interest were not enough to keep a club of busy professionals meeting each week; reaching out to improve the lives of the less fortunate proved to be a more powerful motivator; the Rotary commitment to service began when the Rotary Club of Chicago donated a horse to a preacher so he could make the rounds of his churches and parishioners; a few weeks later, the Club constructed Chicago's first public lavatory; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Chicago began their relationship with the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) in 1967 to support the pediatric program; in 1969, the first RIC pediatric center sponsored by the Club opened in a converted currency exchange that was purchased by RIC for expansion of programs including the pediatric clinic; over the years, the Rotary Club of Chicago has given almost \$2.5 million in support of the RIC Pediatric program; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Chicago has taken the lead on helping school-aged children; in 1920, the Rotary Club of Chicago started a Boys Work Committee to combat the high dropout rate of immigrant boys and organized a march of 50,000 boys down Michigan Avenue; currently, the Club has partnered with the City of Chicago on its KidStart Corporate Initiative, which matches students with paid summer

internships in local businesses; the Rotary Club of Chicago's JobStart program will strengthen and expand the KidStart Corporate Initiative by raising academic and training standards for participating students, offering hands-on mentoring and significantly increasing the number of available internships; and

WHEREAS, Rotary has made several important contributions to the lexicon of leadership and service, including "Service above self", "He profits most who serves best", and Rotary's four-way test; and

WHEREAS, The founding of the Club sparked a worldwide movement, which now includes 1.2 million Rotarians in some 31,000 Rotary Clubs in 166 countries; there are currently 386,107 Rotarians in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The founding also initiated the "service club" movement, which now includes more than 3 million people around world in organizations such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Civitan, Zonta, Y'sdom, and Optimist; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Rotary International made a historic commitment to immunize all of the world's children against polio; working in partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and national governments, Rotary is the largest private-sector contributor in the global polio eradication campaign; through its PolioPlus program, Rotary raised more than \$240 million and will have contributed half a billion dollars to the cause by 2005, the target date for certification of polio eradication and Rotary's centennial year; Rotarians have mobilized hundreds of thousands of PolioPlus volunteers to promote and carry out national immunization days in polio-endemic countries, resulting in the immunization of nearly two billion children worldwide; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize and congratulate the Rotary Club of Chicago on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and extend our sincere appreciation to the Club for the fellowship, community service, and major contributions it provides to the citizens of Chicago; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Rotary Club of Chicago as an expression of our admiration and best wishes on this happy occasion.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 60

Offered by Representative John Bradley:

WHEREAS, Kelly Cruse of Marion was crowned Miss Illinois Teen USA 2005 on November 21, 2004 after competing against 169 other contestants in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, She is the daughter of Greg and Lisa Cruse of Marion; she will compete for the national Miss Teen USA pageant title in August 2005; and

WHEREAS, In August, in the first pageant she ever entered, Kelly was crowned queen of the Williamson County Fair; and

WHEREAS, After attending Marion High School, Kelly opted for home schooling this year to allow her a more flexible schedule, with more time for a full-time ministry; she is now a junior, and expects to graduate in May; she was active in bands and choir in high school, and now plays with a youth praise and worship band at Cornerstone Community Church in Marion, her family's church; and

WHEREAS, She studies voice and played alto saxophone in the high school band; she plays and composes music on the piano and guitar, and is working on her second CD of original music; and

WHEREAS, Kelly is a cancer survivor; and

WHEREAS, She plans to obtain a master's degree and work in crisis intervention, counseling women and teens; her pageant win put an internship for the ministry on hold this summer; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Kelly Cruse on being crowned Miss Illinois Teen USA 2005, we are proud to have such a remarkable young lady representing our state, and we wish her success in the Miss Teen USA pageant and during her reign as Miss Illinois Teen USA; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Kelly Cruse in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60 were taken up for consideration.
Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.
The motion prevailed and the Agreed Resolutions were adopted.

At the hour of 3:54 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday, February 2, 2005, at 12:00 o'clock noon.
The motion prevailed.
And the House stood adjourned.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-FOURTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

February 01, 2005

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0 NAYS

116 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P Delgado	P Lang	P Poe
P Bailey	P Dugan	P Leitch	P Pritchard
P Bassi	P Dunkin	P Lindner	P Reis
P Beaubien	P Dunn	P Lyons, Eileen	P Reitz
P Beiser	P Eddy	P Lyons, Joseph	P Rita
P Bellock	P Feigenholtz	P Mathias	P Rose
P Berrios	P Flider	P Mautino	P Ryg
P Biggins	P Flowers	P May	P Sacia
P Black	P Franks	P McAuliffe	P Saviano
P Boland	P Fritchey	E McCarthy	P Schmitz
P Bost	P Froehlich	P McGuire	P Schock
P Bradley, John	P Giles	P McKeon	P Scully
P Bradley, Richard	P Gordon	P Mendoza	P Smith
P Brady	P Graham	P Meyer	P Sommer
P Brauer	P Granberg	P Miller	P Soto
P Brosnahan	P Hamos	P Millner	P Stephens
P Burke	P Hannig	P Mitchell, Bill	P Sullivan
P Chapa LaVia	P Hassert	P Mitchell, Jerry	P Tenhouse
P Chavez	P Hoffman	P Moffitt	P Tryon
P Churchill	P Holbrook	P Molaro	P Turner
P Collins	P Howard	P Mulligan	P Verschoore
P Colvin	P Hultgren	P Munson	P Wait
P Coulson	P Jakobsson	P Myers	P Washington
P Cross	P Jefferson	P Nekritz	P Watson
P Cultra	P Jenisch	P Osmond	P Winters
P Currie	P Jones	P Osterman	P Yarbrough
P D'Amico	P Joyce	P Parke	P Younge
P Daniels	P Kelly	P Patterson	P Mr. Speaker
E Davis, Monique	P Kosel	P Phelps	
P Davis, William	P Krause	P Pihos	

E - Denotes Excused Absence